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ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This Response is filed in response to the Election Requirement dated October 5, 2004 issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified Application. A response to the October 5, 2004 Office Action was due November 5, 2004. Applicants are concurrently filing a Petition for a Four-Month Extension of Time, including the required fee. Therefore, a response is due March 5, 2005. Accordingly, this Communication is being timely filed.

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In response to the Election Requirement, Applicants hereby elect a phosphatidylethanolamine bound to hyaluronic acid, specifically, the following compound:

$$\begin{bmatrix} O & H \\ R_1 - C - O - C - H \\ R_2 - C - O - C - H & O & H & H & H \\ O & H - C - O - P - O - C - C - N - Y - X \\ H & O^- & H & H \\ \end{bmatrix}_n$$

wherein X is hyaluronic acid; Y is nothing; R_1 and R_2 are alkyl chains.

If the Examiner has any questions or comments as to this response, the undersigned may be contacted at the address and telephone number below.

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